

Minutes of: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.
Date of Meeting: May 18, 2009
Place of Meeting: Magee Park – Heritage Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lyons called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Lyons, Commissioners Comstock, Craig, Cooper, Martyns, and Farley

Absent: Commissioner Proulx

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Spickard, Recreation Services Manager, announced one upcoming event:

1. National Trails Day, Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Comstock, the Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 20, 2009 were approved.

AYES: Chairperson Lyons, Commissioners Cooper, Craig, Comstock, Martyns, and Farley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Proulx

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR**1. AB # 0509-1 SUMMARY REPORT (ACTION)**

To accept, approve and file the April 20, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Summary Report.

2. AB # 0509-2 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – 2009 Carlsbad Loves Kids (ACTION)

Recommend acceptance of in-kind and cash donations by the City Council in support of Carlsbad Loves Kids.

3. AB # 0509-3 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – 2009 Earth Day (ACTION)

Recommend acceptance of donation by the City Manager in support of Earth Day.

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Cooper, AB #0509-1, AB #0509-2, and AB #0509-3 of the consent calendar were approved.

AYES: Chairperson Lyons, Commissioners Comstock, Craig, Cooper, Martyns, and Farley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Proulx

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The presentation order was changed to accommodate the guests who came to support the various topics. Three guests attended the meeting to learn about local topics and to meet the Commissioners.

4. AB # 0509-4 DEPARTMENT REPORT (INFO) (Last item presented)

Sue Spickard, Recreation Services Manager, reported on recent and upcoming events and project work in the Department which include the following:

- Cost Recovery Model (Pyramid)
- Future Alga Norte Park
- Poinsettia Park Tennis Program and Parking Lot
- Village H
- Drought Impacts on City Parks
- Monroe Pool Projects
- Budget Update
- Major Parks and Recreation Department Goals for Fiscal Year 2009-10
- Events Completed Last Month
- Upcoming Events

Questions and discussions were as follows:

The Commission members were interested in the pyramid model/cost recovery approval process. They inquired about the current status and future plans for the new model. Staff

replied that the Council has been briefed on the cost recovery model. A formal request for an endorsement of the model will be going forward in June.

The future of Alga Norte Park and Aquatic Center was discussed.

Finally, the Commission members asked if the City had a policy on social networking for the new website and staff advised that this was under development. The social networking capabilities will be available after the creation of a city wide social networking policy. The policy should be completed within the next six months.

5. AB # 0509-5 THORP FIELD MEMORIAL – 2009 (ACTION)(Second item presented)

Kyle Lancaster, Parks Superintendent, made a presentation on this item. He explained that a proposal to rename Baseball Field #1 at Poinsettia Park to Thorp Field has been submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Thorp. Mr. Lancaster reported that in response to this request that staff provided Mr. and Mrs. Thorp with City Council Policy #48, entitled "Naming Rights of Parks and Municipal Facilities". Upon review of this policy, Mr. and Mrs. Thorp's proposal is consistent with the naming signs of previously authorized Brierly Field at Pine Avenue Park. Mr. Lancaster explained the fiscal impact. The potential naming signage would be purchased by the Mitchell Thorp fund. The installation and maintenance costs associated with these sign additions would be minimal.

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Comstock, AB #0509-5 to accept a report from staff regarding a proposal for Field #1 at Poinsettia Park to be renamed in memory of Mitchell Thorp and recommendations for acceptance for City Council was approved.

AYES: Chairperson Lyons, Commissioners Comstock, Craig, Cooper, Martyns, and Farley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Proulx

6. AB # 0509-6 GAZEBO AT MAGEE PARK – 2009 (INFO)(First item presented)

Kyle Lancaster, Parks Superintendent, made a presentation on this item. He gave an update on the relocation of the historic Rotary Gazebo to Magee Park. On November 6, 2007, the City Council approved the request to relocate the Rotary Gazebo to Magee Park from the North County Transit District's property northeast of the intersection of Washington Street and Carlsbad Village Drive. Since that time the Rotarians have raised over \$18,000 to put toward this effort. Mr. Lancaster reported that staff's intention is to return to the City Council within the next several weeks for an update on the progress made and for the acceptance of the monetary donation by the Hi-Noon Rotary.

7. AB # 0509-7 DEMONSTRATION OF NEW WEBSITE – (INFO)(Third item presented)

Craddock Stropes, Community Coordinator, made a presentation on this item. She explained the new features and benefits associated with the upgrade to the city's web site. She reported some the features of the new web site as follows:

- A prominent, permanent place for Parks and Recreation Department on the home page
- A more efficient and intuitive layout that features links
- Interactive maps with driving directions
- Improved calendar feature
- Social networking tools, such as “Facebook”

Ms. Stropes reported that the “go-live” date for the new city web site is late summer 2009.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING

- Community Gardens
- Barn Stabilization
- FY 2009-10 Goals
- Donation from Questers for refurbished furniture at Leo Carrillo Ranch
- Future Alga Norte Park – Park finances

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Comstock to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

AYES: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Proulx

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hardy
Minutes Clerk